

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected Claims 5 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as indefinite. Claims 5 and 12 have been rewritten to separate the elements as required. Claims 1 and 5 as well as Claims 10 and 12 have been amended to clearly recite the first and second plurality of power level switches to make clear that there are two separate sets of power level switches.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as anticipated by Gould '472. The Examiner states:

"Gould Jr shows a cooktop control for a cooktop including a glass ceramic panel, a first set of indicia formed in a pattern matching burner having the switches and displays for activating and displaying the associated burner, a second set of indicia having the display and a plurality of power level switches for selectively activating a power level for the selected burner, a circuit associated with the first and second indicia comprising a processor activating and deactivating the burner in response to the first and second indicia."

Gould '472 does show a glass ceramic panel 14, but Gould '472 does not meet any of the specific language in Claim 1 wherein the burner indicia are visible on the cooktop panel, since the control 16 of Gould '472 is a separate panel on the back of the range 10. No suggestion of including the panel 14 with the control panel 16 in Gould '472. Further, Gould '472 has a separate power selector for each element. Claim 1 not more clearly specifies that each burner indicia does not has a separate power selector

and indeed, only the second set of indicia is included to control each individual burner indicia power level. Gould '472 has to toggle the selectors, where the claimed invention can select the power level immediately without toggling of any switches. Claim 2 adds the combined burner indicia 30, described beginning on page 10, line 22. This controls a pair of burners as claimed and Gould '472 does not disclose or suggest such an arrangement. Claims 1 and 2 are clearly allowable over Gould '472.

The Examiner rejected Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as obvious over Gould '472 combined with Rice '080. Claim 3 is dependent from allowable Claim 1 and Rice '080 does not add the teaching lacking in Gould '472. Claim 3 also is clearly allowable over Gould '472 combined with Rice '080.

The Examiner rejected Claims 4 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as obvious over Gould '472 combined with Welch '204. Claim 4 also is dependent from allowable Claim 1 and Welch '204 does not add the teaching lacking in Gould '472. Claim 10 includes the elements of allowable Claim 1 and additionally the non-taught elements of Claim 2 as described above with respect to Claims 1 and 2. Claims 4 and 10 are clearly allowable over Gould '472 combined with Welch '204.

The Examiner rejected Claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as obvious over Gould '472 combined with Welch '204 and Miquelot '779. Claims 5 and 6 are dependent from allowable Claim 1 and additionally Claim 5 adds an inner with a second plurality of power level switches. Welch '204 only shows a single ring of indicia and single set of power switches. Claims 5 and 6 are clearly allowable over Gould '472 combined with Welch '204 and Miquelot '779.

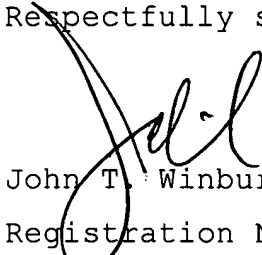
The Examiner rejected Claims 7-9 and 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as obvious over Gould '472 combined with Welch '204, Miquelot '779 and Rice '080. Claims 7-9 and 11-14 are dependent from allowable Claim 1 and allowable Claim 10 respectively. For that reason as well as the reasons set forth above, Claims 7-9 and 11-14 are clearly allowable over Gould '472 combined with Welch '204, Miquelot '779 and Rice '080.

Please note the enclosed Supplemental Application Data Sheet has been corrected to reflect the proper attorney docket number and to reflect the proper format for Application Data Sheets according to ADS Version 5 Revision.

Claims 1-14 remain in the application and as amended are in allowable form and are clearly allowable over the references of record, including Hirata '016 discussed in the specification and submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement accompanying this amendment. Early allowance of the claims is solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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